One-third of the residents in Duplin County earn a yearly median income of $16,679 or less.  
32% of the population does not have a high school diploma.  
64% of the population has a high school diploma or less.

Imagine...  
Students as young as the age of four exchanging ideas about the colleges they wish to attend and the careers they dream of achieving.  
Elementary and middle school students engaged in classroom instruction which places emphasis on the basics while submerging them in the world of STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.  
High school students with a laser-like focus on college and career - with many of them having already successfully completed college classes long before the end of high school.  
Students in caps and gowns proudly walking across a stage to receive simultaneously their high school diploma and their associate degree.

Now Imagine...  
Generation upon generation for whom higher credentials are the norm rather than the exception.  
The prosperity these generations will bring to Duplin County, North Carolina, the United States, and the world!

Imagine No More...  
This is Duplin County where Duplin County Schools and James Sprunt Community College have enhanced their long-standing partnership to truly transform teaching, learning, and life for Duplin’s citizens.

Pre-K to College, our district-wide early college approach to seamless education, reflects a transforming educational culture and climate led by unwavering leadership, knowledge of “what works,” and the dedication of the entire community to shape the path to success for ALL students.
Transforming education in ways that actually change teaching and learning is hard work. Duplin County students in Pre-Kindergarten through 13th grade and beyond are preparing for careers in a global society which may not exist now, but will exist by the time they enter the workforce.

Duplin County Schools and James Sprunt Community College have expanded a long-standing partnership to embrace Pre-K to College, a District-Wide Early College Approach to Seamless Education.

As such, Duplin County’s teachers, instructors, support staff, and educational leaders along with partners including NC Department of Public Instruction, North Carolina Community College System, North Carolina New Schools, the Golden LEAF Foundation, and Governor Pat McCrory’s Education and Workforce Innovation Commission, are doing everything in their power to ensure all students—whether they engage in a career right here in Duplin County or anywhere else in the world—are ready for success.

“Dr. W. Dallas Herring, a Duplin native and founder of the NC Community College System, once said that the only valid philosophy for North Carolina is the philosophy of total education. The seamless education initiative is grounded in the belief of total education for every student in our service area. We are creating a brighter future for our students and county through innovative and engaging educational opportunities at every level.”

“Dr. Lawrence L. Rouse
President
James Sprunt Community College

Dr. Austin Obasohan
Superintendent
Duplin County Schools

“As educators, we have made a professional and a moral commitment to serve our children and our community. Our partnership with James Sprunt Community College and the North Carolina New Schools are critical components to ensuring college, career, and life success for every child in Duplin County. Their job is to dream their dreams. Our job is to make their dreams become reality.”